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Jolt for Obscene Callers Devised by Phone Firm

RICHMOND, Sept. 24 (AP)—A spokesman for the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. of Virginia says his firm now has improved weapons and a special squad to deal with obscene, harassing or threatening telephone calls.

Robert E. Heitzel, Richmond manager for the C&P, says one of the weapons is a mechanism that keeps the caller's line open to allow more time for tracing the origin of the call.

Heitzel said the Company also can use equipment that records all calls from any particular number as well as the date, time and number called, provided the victim gives adequate reasons.

He said prosecution is left to the victims and to police, although the Company will provide information for the prosecutions.

Virginia law provides maximum penalties of \$1000 fine and a year in jail, or both, for making abusive calls, he said.

Army Buys 18 Copters

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 24 (AP)—A \$22.3 million order for 18 flying crane helicopters has been awarded to the Sikorsky Aircraft Division of United Aircraft Corp. at Stratford, Conn., the Army Aviation Materiel Command announced today.